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Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, .97, and .98, Applicant respectfully requests that the references listed in the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the Application. The present Application was filed after June 30, 2003. Therefore, under the July 11, 2003, waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications listed in the attached PTO-1449 form are not enclosed. Copies of all other references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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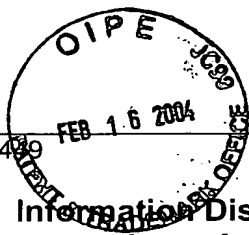
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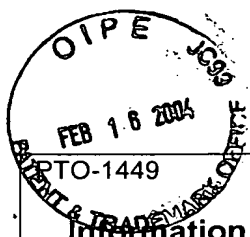
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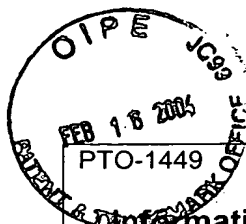
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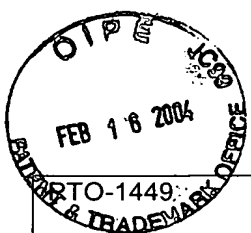
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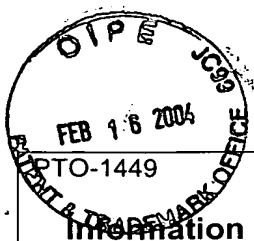


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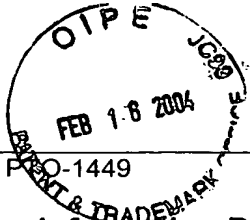
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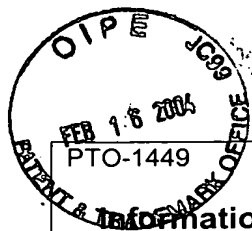
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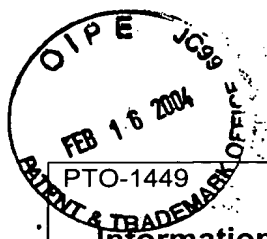
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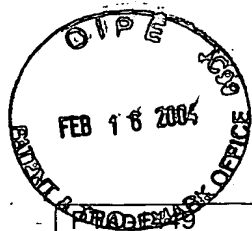
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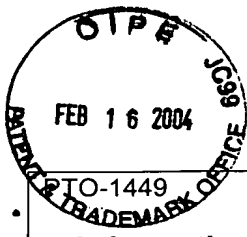
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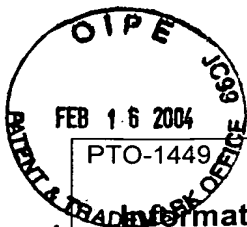
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